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July 22, 2009

The Honorable Beverly K. Swaim-Staley
Office of the Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, MD 21076

Dear Acting Secretary Swaim-Staley:

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Thank you for the opportunity to express our support of this important initiative.

Sincerely,

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Mary Kay Sigaty, Chair
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cc: Howard County State Delegation
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